

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device, comprising:

a first interface to an object-oriented application which initializes access to the data and affords changes to the data;

a second interface to an access unit which provides different access mechanisms for respectively different memory structures, wherein the unit provides the object-oriented application with appropriate data by accessing the access unit and affords changes to the data independent of changes made to the data via the first interface; and

a third interface to a consistency module for automatically updating changes to the data ~~for~~in further object-oriented applications accessing the same data.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~application is produced on an object-oriented basis, and the~~ data are provided as required objects.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object-oriented application runs on the first data processing device in which the data are stored.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object-oriented application runs on a second data processing device and the data are stored in the first data processing device, the first and second data processing devices being connected to one another via a network.

Claim 6 (original): A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the unit is arranged in the first data processing device.

Claim 7 (original): A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first interface is used for connection to a network interface unit.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein, for a plurality of object-oriented applications, each application has a respectively associated application-specific unit.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A system for managing data, comprising:  
a unit for managing the data, the unit including a first processing device, a first interface to an object-oriented application which initializes access to the data and affords changes to the data, a second interface to an access unit which provides different access mechanisms for respectively different memory structures, wherein the unit provides the object-oriented application with appropriate data by accessing the access unit and affords changes to the data independent of changes made to the data via the first interface, and a third interface to a consistency module for automatically updating changes to the data ~~for~~ in further object-oriented applications accessing the same data; and

a second data processing device, wherein the object-oriented application runs on the second data processing device and the data are stored in the first processing device, the first and second data processing devices being connected to one another via a network.